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Preface

In this volume is presented a collection of papers dealing with various aspects of optimization. Most of these are oriented towards discrete models ranging from scheduling and integer programming to graph labelling.

Theory, applications and pseudoapplications are almost perfectly balanced for the reader who is perspicacious enough to discover the potentialities hidden in some of the presentations.

Most of the papers were presented at a meeting “Viewpoints on Optimization” held in Grimentz (Switzerland) from September 2 to September 7, 1990. It was organized by C. Ebenegger and the second editor of this volume and was attended by about 50 scientists from Europe and America.

The rest of the papers contained in this volume originate from a meeting entitled “Graph Labelling”, held in Boston (MA, USA) on March 8 and 9, 1991 and organized by F. Roberts and M. Cozzens.

For the Grimentz meeting we should mention that Pierre Hansen who was there in Wonderland happened to have instead of a classical non-birthday (as most participants) his real 50th birthday and we would like to extend our best wishes to this appreciated, prolific and stimulating colleague.

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